WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Performance of Mining and Quarrying Sector

2430. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Wili the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the mining and quarrying sector have performed well below its targets during the last three years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the performance of this sector during the last three years; and

(d) what steps are being taken to get this sector on to the track for speedy growth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) As per information furnished by Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) a subordinate office under the Department of Mines, although there was a negative growth of 0.72% during 1998-1999, there was a positive growth of 1.27% in 1999-2000, which further moved upto 3.34% during 2000-2001 in the index of mineral production. The negative growth of 0.72% during 1998-1999 was due to less production in respect of Petroleum (crude) and natural gas (utilised), chromite, copper ore, gold, iron ore, manganese ore, mica and magnesite. The reasons for the low production were due to breakdown of plants and machinery, depletion of natural resources and other technical problems etc.

(c) The details of the performance of mining and quarrying sector during the last three years are given in the Statement. *(See below).*

(d) In order to achieve the best-use of available mineral reserves in the country, the Government of India, Department of Mines, had laid down the National Mineral Policy, 1993, which, *inter-alia,* had the obectives of developing mineral resources taking into account the national and strategic considerations to ensure their adequate supply and best use, keeping in view,--the present needs and future requirements of the country. The Mines and Minerals (Development

and Regulation) Act, 1957 and rules framed the thereunder have been amended in 1994 and 1999 to make the policy regime conducive to further growth.

Statement

Index of Mineral Production
(Excluding Atomic Minerals)
(BASE: 1993-94-100)

Mineral Group	Weight	Index				Percentage Growth		
		1997-98	1998-	1999-2000	2000-01(P)	Col.4/ col.3	Col.S/ col.4	Col.6 col.3
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
All Minerals	1000.00	126.78	125.87	127.47	131.73	-0.72	1.27	3.34
Fuel Minerals	857.180	127.08	126.26	127.01	129.72	-0.65	0.59	2.13
Coal & Lignite	324.628	119.7	119.80	122.31	124.83	0.04	2.10	2.06
Petroleum & Natural Gas	532.552	131.55	130.20	129.88	132.71	-1.03	-0.25	2.18
MCDR'88 Minerals		121.17	119.56	127.27	143.04	-1.33	6.45	12.39
Metallic Minerals	80.765	120.58	116.92	121.36	144.62	-3.04	3.80	19.17
Non-Metallic Minerals	42.327	122.31	124.58	138.56	140.02	1.86	11.22	1.05

(P): Provisional.
NOTE: Weight of minor minerals (granite, marble and slate) is 19.728 in the index of
minerals production.

Public Sector and Private Sector Companies Involved in Mines and Related Activities

2431. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the public sector as well as private sector companies involved in mining and its related activities including export of minerals in Orissa;

(b) the details of the area of their operation and the annual turnover of each company;

(c) whether these companies are doing any peripheral developmental activities in the State of Orissa; and